Rationale for PPQ's Emphasis on Pest Detection

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Safeguarding Components

Off-shore risk management
Port-of-entry measures
Quarantine
Pest detection
Emergency response



Asian Longhorned Beetle	6 YRS	\$79 M
Citrus Canker	7 YRS	\$258 M
Karnal Bunt	7 YRS	\$70 M
Plum Pox Virus	3 YRS	\$18 M

It is not enough to be busy, so are the ants.

The question is, "what are we busy about?"

Henry David Thoreau



Proactive or Reactive

- Tropical fruit flies
- Asian gypsy moth
- Pink hibiscus mealy bug

- Emerald ash borer
- Asian long horned beetle
- Citrus canker

Pest Lists developed in collaboration with:

Entomological Society of America
Weed Science Society of America
American Phytopathological Society
American Malacological Society
Society of Nematologists
Acarological Society of America

The Threat of Agroterrorism



Readily available

Minimal cost and skill

Possible catastrophic consequences



Offshore Pest Information System

- Exploits international infrastructure
- Focus on listed target pests
- Identify new threats
- Near-real time
- Reports to cooperators/stakeholders

Plans and Planning

In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.

Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890 - 1969)



Misconception: PPQ's stakeholders are predominantly affiliated with production agriculture

Pest Detection Line Item Funding Status

FY 2002	\$6,700	
FY 2003	\$22,261	
FY 2004	\$26,188	
FY 2005		
FY 200?	\$100,000	

Maintaining Growth

- Think Regionally, Act Locally
 - Stay flexible and plan ahead
 - Focus on high risk issues
- Cultivate non-traditional partnerships